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TAGS: EGEN GW

SUBJECT: SENSITIVE IRS INVESTIGATION

REF: BONN 10591

1. EMBASSY IRS REP (SPENCER) INFORMED US JUNE 25 THAT HE HAD SPOKEN LATE JUNE 24 WITH HIS HOME OFFICE ABOUT MATTER DISCUSSED IN REFTEL. HIS WASHINGTON SUPERIOR WAS INITIALLY ANGRY AT POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DELAY IN MATTER FIRST RAISED WITH DEPARTMENT MONTHS AGO, PARTICULARLY AS CASE MUST BE PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY NO LATER THAN END OF JULY. HE SEEMED TO BELIEVE PROBLEMS OF THIS KIND COULD BE AVOIDED IN FUTURE BY IRS DIRECT APPROACHES FROM WASHINGTON WITHOUT USING EMBASSY IRS REP FOR INITIATIVES.

2. SPENCER STATED HE HAD TOLD HIS SUPERIOR THAT HE AGREED WITH EMBASSY THAT MATTER WAS SENSITIVE AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES AND POLITICALLY UNWISE TO SWITCH PROCEDURES WITHOUT GIVING THEM COURTESY OF ADVANCE NOTICE AND EXPLANATION.

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3. IRS WASHINGTON FINALLY PROPOSED TO SPENCER THAT THEY WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE WITNESSES EXPRESSING REGRET THAT MATTERS CANNOT PROCEED AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND THAT UNDER US/FRG TAX TREATY IRS MUST SEEK ASSISTANCE OF THE COMPETENT FRG AUTHORITIES, I.E., FMOF. IN RESPONSE TO SPENCER'S QUESTION WHETHER THIS WOULD MEET NEEDS OF EMBASSY, EMBOFF REPLIED THAT IT WOULD

SEEM TO MEET THE COURTESY CONCERNS EMBASSY HAD
EXPRESSED TO HIM (SEE REFTEL). EMBOFF SUGGESTED,
HOWEVER, THAT SUCH LETTERS GO OUT NOT ONLY TO THE FOUR
WITNESSES WHO HAD RESPONDED TO IRS' FIRST LETTER, AS
IRS SUGGESTED, BUT ALSO TO THOSE TWO THAT HAVE NOT
RESPONDED, REASON FOR NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PROCEDURES
BEING EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO ALL.

4. SPENCER WAS DUBIOUS THAT IRS WOULD BE PREPARED TO
FURNISH EMBASSY COPIES OF SECOND SET OF LETTERS; THUS,
UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSISTS, IRS WILL PROBABLY BE
RELUCTANT TO INVOLVE DEPARTMENT IN PREPARATION OF
THE TEXT OF THOSE LETTERS.

5. SPENCER PLANS TO TELEX HIS HEADQUARTERS JUNE 27
REPORTING ON ABOVE AND SUGGESTING LETTERS BE SENT TO
ALL SIX WITNESSES.

6. COMMENT: WHILE SPENCER HAS BEEN UNDERSTANDING OF
EMBASSY'S CONCERNS ABOUT THIS MATTER, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT
HIS HOME OFFICE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT IF IRS
ACTIVITIES IN FRG, WHETHER CONDUCTED BY IRS REP HERE
OR BY IRS FROM WASHINGTON, ARE NOT HANDLED WITH
RESTRAINT AND COURTESY, THEY MAY AFFECT NOT ONLY FRG
OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TO WORK OF IRS REP IN BONN, BUT COULD
HAVE EFFECT ON US/FRG RELATIONS.

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